

HORSE BURNED IN THE STABLE

Petersburg Merchant Loses a Valuable Horse in Fire of Uncertain Origin.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES TO-DAY

Fine Music to be Rendered in the Churches—Elks Make the Girls Happy.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., December 24.—A fire of undetermined origin, between 12 and 1 o'clock last night, destroyed a frame barn and stable on Main Street, in Blandford, belonging to Messrs. Godsey and Parkinson, merchants of this city. A fine horse and other valuable property in the buildings were burnt up. The barn and stable were insured for \$400; horses, \$100, and wagon and harness, \$150.

FINE CHRISTMAS MUSIC.
Many churches in the city have been most tastefully decorated for Christmas services, and special musical programmes have been prepared. With Mrs. Eugene A. Robinson as organist, and Miss Florence O'Connell, violinist, the following beautiful programme will be rendered at the Market Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

MORNING.
Voluntary, organ and violin.
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (Mendelssohn).
"Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning" (Mozart).
Offertory, Anthem, "Nazareth" (Gounod).
Bartolome solo, Mr. A. B. Taylor.
"What! Marshall on the Mighty Plain" (Burney).
"Angels From the Realms of Glory" (Ritter).
Anthem, "O, Joyful Light" (Tours).
Postlude, organ and violin.

EVENING.
Voluntary, organ and violin.
"Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices" (Henry Smart).
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night" (Dr. Ross).
Anthem, "Arise, Shine, for Thy Light has Come" (Wagner).
Offertory, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem" (Homer Bartlett).
Soprano solo, Miss Susie Warwick.
Violin obligato, Miss Florence O'Connell.
"Hark! the Glad Sound, the Saviour Comes" (Handel).
Anthem, "O, Holy Night" (Adam).
Soprano solo, Miss Susie Warwick.
"It Comes Upon the Midnight Clear" (Carol R. S. Will).
Postlude, organ and violin.

MAKING THE GIRLS HAPPY

Presents from the Petersburg Lodge of Elks to the little girls of the Methodist Female Orphan Asylum were given to each child this morning by Exalted Ruler E. A. Morrison and a committee composed of Messrs. W. B. Poole, W. W. Presson and W. T. Baugh, at the Elks' Home. The children welcomed the generosity of the Elks with great delight. The Appomattox Commandery, Knights Templar, of this city, will, on Monday at noon, observe their honored custom of drinking a toast to the Elks' Grand Master, an honor held here by Mr. George M. Allen. This is a Christmas custom observed by all Knights Templar.

CHRISTMAS PLEASURES

With the large number of Christmas visitors and home-comers now in the city, next week should be a gay one socially. The new German club will give its first Christmas German on Thursday night, and preparations are being made for one of the handsomest social functions of that kind that has ever been given here. A big crowd of shoppers and merry-makers were on the streets this afternoon, but a heavy rain cast a decided damper on the usual Christmas Eve celebrations.

DEATH OF E. F. ACREE.

A Prominent and Influential Citizen of Danville.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, VA., Dec. 24.—Mr. Edward Fox Acree, one of the most prominent and highly esteemed citizens of Danville, died this morning at his home on Main Street after a brief illness. The death was unexpected. Mr. Acree has been in feeble health for the past several months, and only several days ago partially recovered from a spell of sickness. He was, however, at his work yesterday, and in apparently his usual health when he returned home last night. Shortly after supper he complained of feeling badly and retired early, growing worse after midnight.

Mr. Acree was sixty-two years of age, and was born in King and Queen county, being the son of Edward Smith and Mary S. Acree. He served with distinction during the Civil War and moved to this city shortly after the struggle was over. Mr. Acree first embarked in the grocery and mercantile business, and conducted an establishment on lower Main Street. He afterwards occupied the warehouse business, which occupation he has pursued with eminent success for a long number of years.

At the time of his death, Mr. Acree

was the president of the Danville Co-operative Warehouse Company and manager of the warehouse of B. H. Acree and Brother. Mr. Acree has been married twice, his first wife being a Miss Marvay, of Richmond, and who died a number of years ago. His only surviving son by his first marriage is Mr. Robert F. Acree, the manager of the Star Laundry. The deceased is survived by his present wife, who was Miss Leah Ryland, of King and Queen county, and the following children by his second marriage: Mr. Russell Acree, who is engaged in the tobacco business in Darlington, S. C., and Miss Kathryn Acree, of this city. The deceased is survived by only two brothers, Mr. James P. Acree, of Danville, and Rev. R. B. Acree, of Clarksville, Tenn.

NED'S CHANCE.

Justice John's Mercy Is Limitless. Other Police Court Cases.

Edward Beasley, the "Ned" or "drinky" fame, whose name appears upon the Police Court records untold numbers, made his third appearance this week on yesterday.

"Good morning, dear old Ned," said His Honor, Judge, good morning, gentlemen," said "Ned," not meaning any discrimination.

Ninety days casually remarked H. H., and the popular rum artist hid him to the pen. Later, after the mighty dispenser of justice had with lightning rapidity shown clemency to a straight flush of drunks, composed of R. W. Blakey (white) and John Hendley, John Harris, Joseph Charles and W. H. Richardson, his heart grew big with tenderness for dear old Ned's sentence to ninety days and sitting in the pen.

"Sitting in Edward," quoth H. H. "I'll not let niggers get all the Christmas gifts."

In came the vivacious Edward. "Sergeant Gibson," commanded His Honor, with a wink, "take old friend Ned to Williamsburg and keep him there."

"Come down and see me, Judge," said Edward. "It's just the place for you," and kissing his hand to the court, sailed happily away for the nearest bar.

"N. L. Eubank, he of the 'scrappy way' got just six months for trying to knock off Officer Kuhn's whiskers. Callum Tyler, an avowed white man, got four months for beating one Beulah Glenn and afterwards endeavoring to knock in Officer Gary's shins."

Alfredo Pratini and Hugo Magrino were charged with scrapping. Alfredo and Hugo are plaster figure artists. Bunkins being dull, they lived the holiday season by a first-class bout, and now their very best friend would never recognize either artist. Alfredo looks as though a harrow had cultivated his Neapolitan features, while Hugo wore a turban on the large hole made by his sometime friend, Batocchio, his partner, and a host of friends made the court-room look like a meeting of the Mafia society. The case was continued.

CEDAR CAMP.

Officers Are Chosen for the Ensuing Year—Installation Next.

The regular meeting of Cedar Camp, No. 22, Woodmen of the World, was held in the Junior Order American Mechanic Hall on Thursday night and was largely attended. After the transaction of the routine business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. D. Kerns, past consul commander; J. E. Blair, consul commander; W. H. Mankin, adviser; J. E. Blair, secretary; J. E. Blair, treasurer; R. R. Allen, secretary; Mrs. Wm. H. Parker and J. P. Williams, medical examiners, and W. D. Kerns, J. E. Farley and W. H. Mankin, managers.

W. D. Kerns was elected as delegate to the Road Camp Convention, District 1, which convenes at Washington, D. C. the second Tuesday in March. W. H. Mankin was elected alternate. At the next meeting, January 28, 1905, the new officers will be installed and the consul commander has appointed a committee, viz: W. G. Bayardo, R. R. Allen, J. E. Farley, to arrange for a fine entertainment and banquet after the installation. It is earnestly hoped that all members and their wives and daughters will be present.

WRIGHTSVILLE HAS WORST FIRE IN HISTORY

(By Associated Press.)
WRIGHTSVILLE, GA., Dec. 24.—Last night Wrightsville suffered from the greatest fire in its history. Two banks, five stores, with their stocks, and two offices were burned. The total loss is about \$100,000, with probably \$75,000 insurance on the property destroyed.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought to have been incendiary. The following are some of the severest losses: Tompkins & Johnson, general stores, \$55,000, stock insured for \$25,000; Johnson Banking Company, building and fixtures, \$4,000; W. H. Stewart, furniture, \$5,000; J. T. Chambers, groceries, \$300; Dr. S. M. Johnson, physician, \$100. Many others suffered extensively by removing stocks.

Brown-Duncan.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GLENMORE, VA., December 24.—Mr. Thomas J. Brown, of Albemarle, and Miss Rosa S. Duncan, of Buckingham county, were married at Glenmore Methodist Church on Wednesday, the 21st, at 2 P. M. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. B. Bullard, the pastor of the church. The bridal couple left immediately for the home of the groom in Albemarle.

Greeting!

The sincere appreciation shown our efforts by the kind patronage accorded us throughout the past year, and especially during this happy season is most gratifying to us.

From the bottom of our hearts we thank our friends—wishing one and all a "Merry Christmas" and a happy New Year.

Schwarzschild Bros.

HOGAN ON FRENZIED FINANCE

He Borrows a Quarter and Proceeds to Show How to Get Rich Quick—The Kite Flying of High Finance—The Thrifty Banker—Gold Brick Artist to be Preferred to Stock Brokers.

By Henry M. Hyde.

(Author of "Buccaneers," etc.)
(Copyright, 1904, by Joseph B. Bowles.)
"Will you lend me the loan as a quarter?" asked old man Hogan. "Thank ye, now, when ye get thired av thryin' to make me pay ye back an' ar-r-e-jest about his forty ye ago, I'll introduce me to Casey as a good payable la-a-d that."



I HAVE DID UP ME STOCKS AN' BONDS.

he kin lend half a dollar to at tin per cent, a month wid perfect safety. I'll git th' half, an' out av it I'll pay back your quarter. When Casey gets anxious for his money I'll make him recommend me to some other loan shark that's lookin' for a chance to lend a whole dollar. It's this new la-a-d wants more than vengeance I'll send him to see you."

"Yes, you'll say, 'I've lint Hogan money an' he's always paid me back.' What else kin ye say? So I git th' dollar an' out av it I pay Casey his half. Workin' along th' same careful an' conservative lines I gradually git me credit up to th' point where it's no thirk at all to borrow tin thousand on me note, backed by th' recommendations av all th' feenan-ciers who have helped me on me upward progress."

"Be this time th' ye beginnin' to talk about savouries, so I wrap up a bundle av Sunday supplements in thick brown paper, tie it wid red tape an' seal it wid a lot of wax, pastin' a strip av paper wid my name wrot on it, across the knot in th' tape. I take this down to th' vice-president av th' 'Seventh National Bank, a little, baldheaded, dried-up, la-a-d, who likes to make two cents grow where there's only one."

"Misther Jones," I say, "I have been very extravagant. Me illegitimate great-grandfather, J. Vanderfeller Crocous, has often asked me for spendin' so much money. Now, I say, 'I am goin' to reform.' I have did up all me stocks an' bonds to th' thrifflin' figure av twenty-six million dollars. In this bundle, an' I want you to send thim down to grandpa's agint in New York. Here's a list av

advance feenan-cier like me, Writin' his nick," he says.
"Can't see much difference bechune raisin' money on paper that ain't worth anythin' an' on paper that you know ain't worth more than tin per cent, av what ye git for it. It's wrong to pay a gint tin dollars for loanin' me twenty av savouries, thim's all water, why should it be right to git money from people on stocks in which there is just enough solid substance dissolved to form a thin saum on th' top av th' water?"

"Rebuckin' th' two, I'd rather do business wid th' gold brick artist. For, when it's all over, ye still have th' brick left to throw at him."

Carolina Girls.

It is awful easy for a North Carolina girl to make a fool of a young man. Her father has taken lots of pains and educated him with a view to make a man of him. The girl never is always to be reckoned with in Wilmington Star.

Let 'Em Come.

"Newport News" remarks The Richmond Times-Dispatch. It is to build the cruiser North Carolina, and when launching time comes the folks from down home will simply take the shipbuilding town by the way from the shipyard gain to the border line of Hampton, that they will, and a lot of them will overflow into Richmond—Charlotte Chronicle.

He'll do it rather than lose what he's laid ye alrudy.

In th' stuff, I says, 'With you please sign this receipt for thim?'

'Th' gist wot th' la-a-d in New York

JUSTICE JOHN LETS THE JAILBIRDS FLY

Merciful H. H. Gives Freedom to Many Whose Wings Were Clipped.

Thirty-eight white and colored jailbirds were released from the coop on yesterday by Santa Claus Crutchehead. Some days ago the mighty Czar bade his trusty clerk to make a fair copy of those within the confines of the jail. "Twas done, and Sergeant Wren and Gibson, of the eagle eyes, scanned the names well down, making a fatal cross before the cognomen of all the trusty wags. These are the ones who looked in the sunlight of the judicial smile:

Joseph Boyd (colored), March 2, one year.
Ed. Justis (colored), Feb. 24, one year.
W. H. Cousins (colored), July 7, one year.

Plunk Gray (colored), May 4, one year.
William Harris (colored), July 28, six months.

Susie Lee (colored), Feb. 8, one year.
George Mack (colored), June 28, six months.

James Rogers, Aug. 16, one year.
William Somps (colored), July 6, six months.

Arthur Taylor (colored), Sept. 12, six months.
Thomas Brockenborough (colored), Oct. 12, ninety days.

Carl Baker (colored), Nov. 7, ninety days.
Sadie Bell Brown (colored), Nov. 28, sixty days.

Arthur Brown (colored), Dec. 15, thirty days.
Richard Bailey (colored), Dec. 17, sixty days.

James Clayton (colored), Oct. 14, ninety days.
Willie Collins (colored), Nov. 18, sixty days.

John Daley, Nov. 8, ninety days.
Oscar Fowler (colored), Oct. 27, six months.

James Gates, Nov. 7, sixty days.
Moosa Hill (colored), Nov. 8, sixty days.

Rosa Hopkins (colored), Nov. 12, sixty days.
W. H. W. Holmes, Nov. 23, thirty days.

Pink Jones (colored), Nov. 19, six months.
Minnie Johnson (colored), Nov. 21, six months.

Junius Lee, Sept. 19, one year.
Charles Lelost (colored), Sept. 22, six months.

John Landrum, Oct. 12, six months.
Robert Loving, Nov. 17, ninety days.

Victoria McCoy (colored), Nov. 23, thirty days.
William Reed (colored), Sept. 26, six months.

Willie Reed (colored), Nov. 17, four months.
Tom Robinson, Nov. 18, sixty days.

Charles Rosser, Nov. 21, sixty days.
W. T. Smith, Nov. 26, thirty days.

Henry White (colored), Sept. 28, ninety days.
Waverly Bates (colored), Dec. 5, 1903, fifteen months.

James Gilliam (colored), Sept. 9, six months.

HANDSOME GIFTS.

Buyers and Salespeople Miller & Rhoads Remember Mr. Laughon.

Mr. A. B. Laughon, the superintendent of Miller and Rhoads' store, was a much surprised man last evening upon returning to his home for supper to find waiting for him a magnificent combination writing desk and book case, presented by the buyers and salespeople of the big Broad Street store.

The desk came in the nature of a second surprise, as just previous to leaving the store the sales force presented him with a handsome ring—a very thoughtful remembrance—as he had only a couple of weeks ago lost a valuable ring presented him some years ago by the employees of the store.

Some of these articles are but evidences of the mutual spirit of fellowship and good will that prevail between the superintendent of the store and his large corps of helpers.

AT MOUNT VINCO.

Marriage of Mr. Simmons and Mrs. Collins—County Notes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MOUNT VINCO, VA., Dec. 24.—Mr. Paul Simmons and Mrs. Cora A. Collins were married last night at the home of the bride, Rev. W. E. Bullard was the officiating minister.

The Newark Sporting Club added about eight hundred acres to their territory this fall.

Some years ago much of the land in this country was for sale, but now very little can be bought except at a good advance on former prices. Buckingham will likely go more and more into stock raising.

Virginia Historical Society.

As the society has been, for various reasons, unable to have the annual address, the annual meeting will be simply a business one. The president's report, which this year is of great interest, will be read and officers will be elected.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at 4 P. M., at the society's house, No. 707 East Franklin Street. All members of the society are invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS MONEY.

Start the New Year by Opening

A SAVINGS ACCOUNT

In the

MERCHANTS

NATIONAL BANK

RICHMOND, VA.

The Strongest National Bank in

Virginia.



A Home of Your Own.

Young man, do you not expect some day to marry and have a home of your own? You should be thinking about this. The time will probably come when you're being prepared will be of vast importance. Prepare now—save money. A little put by, week by week, will amount to a lot, bye and bye.

We pay THREE PER CENT. interest. Write for our special plan for banking by mail.

PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK.

SAVINGS DEPARTMENT.
TWELFTH AND MAIN STREETS, RICHMOND, VA.
CAPITAL, \$100,000.00.
SURPLUS AND PROFITS, \$225,000.00.

WATSON SAYS FIGHT IS JUST BEGINNING

Campaign of 1904 Was But Prelude to What Is Coming in 1908.

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 24.—Hon. Thomas E. Watson, the recent candidate for the presidency on the People's Party ticket, was seen to-day by a representative of the Associated Press and he made the following statement on the political situation:

"The campaign of 1904 was but a prelude to the campaign of 1908. The start had to be made and it seemed to me a vital necessity to start at a time when both the old and new parties openly pledged to plutocracy and class legislation."

"Instead of the Hamiltonian theory of divine right of the few to govern and monopolize, I believe as Jefferson and Lincoln did, in the rule of all for the benefit of all. As well as I could, I made the fight for Jeffersonian principles. All things considered, the support I received was encouraging. Therefore, I am resolved to devote the next four years to a campaign of education, in which governmental questions will be discussed, and the citizen brought to realize how ruinous to the masses, are the present tendencies of municipal, State and national legislation."

CENSURES RAILROAD.

Coroner's Jury Holds Southern Responsible for Killing.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA., Dec. 24.—A coroner's jury, summoned by David Frazer, coroner for Alexandria county, met here this morning, and after an investigation of two hours held the Southern Railroad Company responsible for the death of Miles, also known as John McCormick, who was killed near St. Asaph Thursday.

The verdict related that at the time of the accident the locomotive was running backward with no headlights. The engine was in charge of Engineer F. Stroble and Fireman Henry Bartlett.

The report of Dr. William M. Gray, microscopist of the Army Medical Museum, Washington, on the examination of the stomach contents of David Frazer, the man who died here suddenly under suspicious circumstances, was sent to-day to the office of the Clerk of the Corporation Court. Dr. Gray states that as the result of several analysis he found a considerable quantity of cocaine in the stomach, but he was unable to positively estimate the quantity. The liquid and solid particles found in the man's stomach at the autopsy were sent to Richmond, but Dr. Taylor, the State Chemist, refused to examine them unless he was guaranteed the payment of \$100. The report of Dr. Gray, pending the result of the inquest, Dr. Jenkins, Ed. Ward Miller and Edmond Fleming (all colored) are in jail on suspicion of being criminally connected with Frazer's death.

Capt. William B. Smithers, of the Southern railroad, who presented with a handsome gold watch, which he wore on the voting contest conducted for the past three months by Potomac Division, No. 450, Order of Railway Conductors, for the most popular conductor. He led his opponent by 2,300 votes.

Mrs. Susan V. Whitcomb, widow of W. H. H. Whitcomb, is dead here at the home of her son-in-law, M. R. O'Sullivan. She was sixty-six years of age.

The Alexandria and Washington Commuters' Association has been notified through the superintendent of the Potomac Division, Alexandria and Mount Vernon electric road that two new motors, costing each \$5,000, have been ordered. The company also announces its intention to extend the double track to this city.

WAS NOT INVITED.

Chairman Agnew Not Asked to Attend Conference in Roanoke.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA., Dec. 24.—Mr. Park Agnew, chairman of the State Republican first-class fare, plus twenty-five cents. Tickets will be on sale December 27th and 28th, 1904, with final limit, returning, to January 4th, 1905.

For further information apply to 333 East Main Street, W. J. Craig, G. P. A., Wilmington, N. C.

VERY LOW RATES TO JACKSONVILLE, FLA., AND RETURN VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Account of meeting of Southern Educational Association, round trip tickets will be sold for one first-class fare, plus twenty-five cents. Tickets will be on sale December 27th and 28th, 1904, with final limit, returning, to January 4th, 1905.

For further information apply to 333 East Main Street, W. J. Craig, G. P. A., Wilmington, N. C.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES VIA ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

This line will sell tickets between all points south of Potomac River and east of the Mississippi River, at rate of one and one-third first-class fares for the round trip. Minimum rate, fifty cents. Tickets on sale to the general public December 22d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and January 1st, 1905, with final limit, January 4, 1905. For teachers and students, upon presentation and surrender of certificates, signed by superintendents, principals or presidents of the various institutions, on December 17th to 24th, inclusive, 1904, with final limit January 8, 1905. Tickets will be limited to continuous passage in each direction.

For further information, apply to agents of the company, or

G. S. CAMPBELL, Division Passenger Agent, No. 53 East Main Street, Richmond, Va.

Globe business. About forty people partook of their hospitality.

Officers of Myrtle Lodge, Knights of Pythias, elected Thursday night for the ensuing term are:

N. C. Lippay, C. C.; I. H. Evans, V. C.; M. Becker, Prelate; Alexander Brown, M. of W.; J. L. Greery, I. C. of R. and S.; J. B. Allen, M. of P.; A. L. Chapin, M. of E.; J. B. Kippenhat, M. of A.; George Smith, I. G.; G. C. Parker, O. G.; J. E. Allen, Representative to Grand Lodge; J. L. Pattison, Alternate.

SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION, JACKSONVILLE, FLA. VERY LOW RATES VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Tickets on sale December 27th and 28th, one fare plus 25c. round trip. For information apply to agents.